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SUBJ: BREAK-IN AT AMERICAN EMBASSY KINGSTON

REF: KINGSTON 3174

1. THE EMBASSY TODAY (AUGUST 3) TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO THE GOJ MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BEGIN TEXT:
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY THAT SHORTLY AFTER 5:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2, THE CHANCERY OF THE EMBASSY WAS ENTERED FORCIBLY BY ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHOSE APPARENT OBJECTIVE WAS BURGLARY. DURING THE SHORT TIME THESE PERSONS WERE IN THE CHANCERY A NUMBER OF OFFICES WERE RANSACKED AND VARIOUS ITEMS WERE TAKEN. THE U.S. MARINE GUARD, HOWEVER, SURPRISED THE INTRUDERS WHO FLED BY THE SAME MEANS THEY HAD ENTERED. THE JAMAICAN POLICE WERE INFORMED, PROMPTLY ARRIVED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS, AND CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION. AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH OF THE AREA SURROUNDING THE CHANCERY RESULTED IN RECOVERY OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS INCIDENT POINTS UP THE INADEQUATE SECURITY PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY. THIS EMBASSY FURTHER BELIEVES THAT SIMILAR OR EVEN MORE SERIOUS INCIDENTS MAY OCCUR AGAIN AT ANY OF OUR SEVERAL PREMISES IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY BY
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THE APPROPRIATE JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES -- A RESPONSIBILITY

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA BY VIRTUE OF NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND FORMAL CONVENTION. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO DRAW TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY THAT, FOLLOWING THE ATTACK IN JANUARY ON THE EMBASSY'S VISA ANNEX ON EUREKA ROAD, JAMAICAN POLICE AUTHORITIES PROMISED THAT EACH OF THE EMBASSY'S OFFICIAL PREMISES WOULD BE VISITED AT FREQUENT INTERVALS DURING NIGHT HOURS BY MOBILE PATROLS.

THE EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT A CLAIM TO THE MINISTRY FOR COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES DONE TO THE CHANCERY THE MORNING OF AUGUST 2. REPAIR WORK IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THE COSTS WILL BE SMALL.

THE EMBASSY STANDS READY TO DISCUSS WITH THE MINISTRY AND APPROPRIATE POLICE AUTHORITIES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF ALL OF ITS PREMISES.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.
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